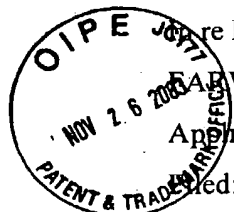


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This is in response to a final official action dated August 26, 2003, wherein the pending claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs. The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following amendments and remarks.